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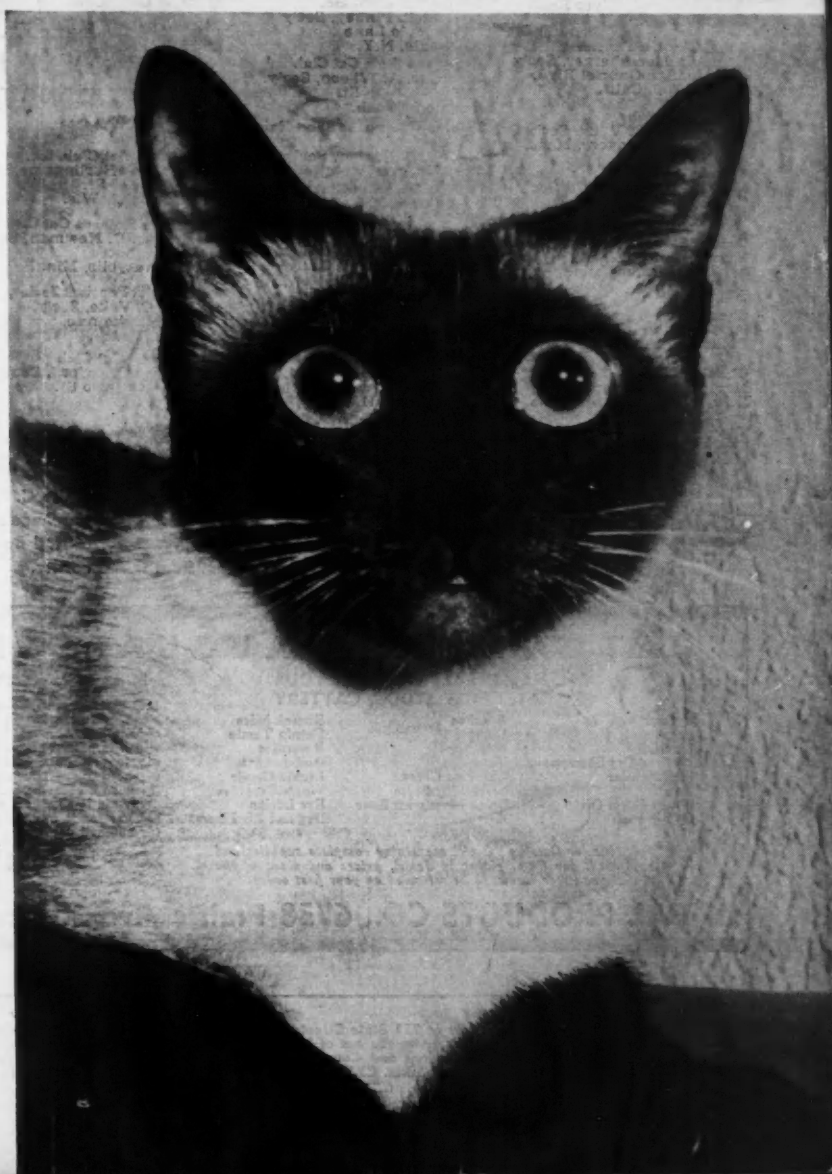
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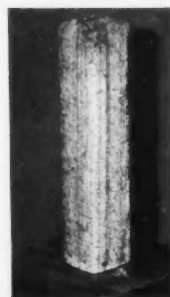
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FLORENCE KEMMER

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HARRY VARDEEN

Homestead, Pa.

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We are glad to see on Page 4 (September 1946) under the heading of "Guns and Cats" that these crimes against our small friends are being brought to the attention of the public. Our community is experiencing the same lawlessness and depravity which is reported from Bradford (Pa.). WE MUST SEE TO IT that laws with a double bite in them are enacted to prevent a further destruction to family pets in particular and small creatures in general, when the only reason is that some one wants to kill something. We have an eight year old black Persian and a four year old Siamese, neither of which is permitted to even step outside the house. IT ISN'T SAFE! What a record for the general public of our country! Let's have some ACTION and ENFORCEMENT!

During its suspension (while the Editor and Publisher was serving in the armed forces), *Cats Magazine* has been sorely missed from the Lewistown Library here.

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LIKES BREEDER FEATURE

The article on the Casa Gatos Cattery was most interesting, and it is good to know that there are breeders who are trying to produce real show stock by working hard with what they have, and by the introduction of new blood. Dr. Young's piece on the Cat Association struck a responsive chord in the minds of myself and my husband, who is also much interested in cats. Your whole magazine was most informative, and very interesting. Mrs. Swanson's article was very interesting, and having seen her beautiful cats at the shows, and marvelled at the wonderful grooming and condition of them each time we have seen them, we feel that she certainly knows her subject.

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Cats Magazine has been very useful to me. Not only do the articles provide useful and interesting information, but the advertisements have provided an excellent source of supplies. No stores near me cater to cats so I have been doubly glad to learn of places to purchase food, collars, playthings and other equipment.

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If the jewelers and Department Store Buyers cannot locate a stock of this desirable merchandise, how can we supply them with the information? They should have access to every market. It is evident to us that such items for the most part do not exist, and therefore there cannot be an elaborate source of supply!

Here is a typical request in a letter from Dallas, Texas: "We would appreciate any information as to where we could purchase small decorative pins for feminine apparel, featuring a cat."

We have seen many pins, many of delicate and superior workmanship depicting birds, dogs, elephants, gnats, and a host of other representatives of the Animal Kingdom. We have also seen some ferocious-looking specimens, too. Either extreme—NO CATS!

A letter from Portland, Oregon, reads: "We would like to purchase if possible for Christmas distribution to our customers, a calendar featuring the different types of cats—one for each month. So far we have been unsuccessful in our efforts to obtain such a novelty. Are you familiar with any concern that would handle such a calendar?"

Frankly, we wish we did. We could use many of these ourselves.

A third letter from Bridgewater, Virginia, states: "I have a collection of cat figurines. Can you tell me where . . ." Where, where, where!!!

We have received many, many other letters in the same vein.

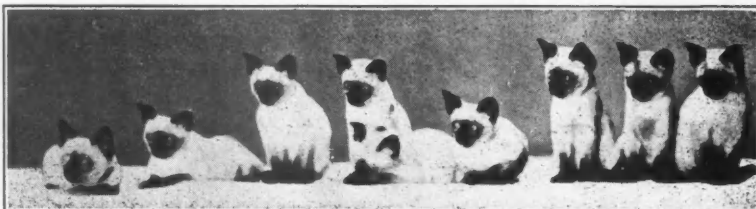
It appears to us that somebody is making a mistake, not producing these items for an eagerly waiting market.

Cats Magazine hopes to assist in every way the formation of new Cat Clubs throughout the nation. Beginning with the November issue, we will publish the names of one or two cities where 20 or more subscribers now reside, and where at present no club now exists. If your city or home town is listed next month and you desire to aid in the formation of a Cat Club there but you are not certain that sufficient number of interested cat enthusiasts are available, write Cats Magazine and we will start the ball a-rolling!

As a starter — NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, and the immediate surrounding area! Nearly a full mail-bag of this issue is now in distribution. Those interested in organizing and FULLY SUPPORTING a Cat Club in New Orleans write immediately! Do not write if you are not sincere and ready for hard work.



As of October 1, Gift Subscription Cards will be sent by Cats Magazine on behalf of those ordering for birthdays and other occasions. The Gift Subscription Cards for Christmas will be mailed from the towns of Santa Claus, Indiana, or Christmas, Florida, on or about December 10. Those desiring to mail or present cards themselves, will forward a self-addressed stamped envelope. For Gift Subscriptions overseas provide 5c in stamps or coin for postage, to be mailed on December 1.



STRING O' SIAMESE (NEWTON CATTERY)

Cats Magazine must remain limited in its number of pages until such time as it can procure sufficient paper to "fatten up." Paper is our serious problem and it is expected to remain so for the next several months. Because of this crisis we are forced to hold advertisers to a minimum of space. Until further notice, full page advertising will be eliminated, with the exception of that contracted for, prior to August 15. This does not include the account of The Timerson Canning Company, which in July contracted for the back page for the next 12 months, with an option on the following 12.

Large publications with heavy newsstand sales, we are informed, have defeated the paper shortage as far as they are concerned by the purchase of paper mills. *Cats Magazine*, of course, is in no position to consider such a buy.

April 1947 cover will feature Champion Babylon Beau Barry II, the exquisite blue owned by Mrs. James W. Partlan of Detroit, Mich. This cat won the C.F.A. Challenge Award for winner of Best Cat the greatest number of times (4) in 1945-46. More than 30 requests were received for this vacancy. *Cats Magazine* is sorry to have caused 31 disappointments, but it was "first come, first served."

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Then we saw Esme. She was the first royal Siamese in my life, and she was small and very blue-eyed and wild and the color of oyster bisque. Her face was like a pansy. She decided to take me, not to own her, but to live in the same house with her henceforth.

When she met the cockers, she simply walked up and slapped them soundly, one by one, to put them in their places. There was never any question of who was going to run the place, it was Esme. The next thing we knew, Esme and Honey, the biggest golden cocker, could be found asleep together in the armchair, Esme curled close and warm against the cocker fur.

Tigger, the black Manx, came to us by the accident of birth. He chose to be born upstairs while his mother was visiting. Esme looked him over, cuffed him firmly, bit his ears and washed his face. So that settled that.

The two cats are inseparable companions now. They eat, sleep, hunt, play together. When Tigger returns with a specially fine mouse, he calls Esme to admire his valor. He gives it to her, and sits smugly while she leaps at it. If she catches a very small mouse, she stalks proudly around with it until Tigger has admired her sufficiently.

Tigger's origins were shrouded in mystery, but Esme had a pedigree a mile long, she being descended from the Monastery and Palace lines.

But Tigger has all the character of a true Manx, and also the physical attributes, compact, sturdy body, well-set head, solid black coat with the fine undercoat, beautiful eyes and no tail at all.

I can no longer imagine a home without cats. One of our principal occupations at Stillmeadow is sitting around the fire at night admiring the cats. Beautiful, gay Esme, so feminine, intelligent and so full of conversation. And handsome ebony Tigger, so masculine,



steady and companionable. Tigger is so capable, too, he would rise to any emergency. In a ship-wreck, Tigger would be manning the lifeboats, while Esme would be on the top deck keeping her brown velvet gloves dry.

I have been told that Siamese are noisy. I myself like a cat that talks. No one can be solitary when Esme is around, her wit and her repartee are superb, and the range of her conversation is limitless. And when I have been

away, the nicest welcoming sound is the voice of Esme telling me just what she thinks of a person who goes away. Her vigorous denunciation goes on for half an hour sometimes, and what it really means is that she loves me very, very much! She missed me terribly!

How sorry I am, when I see Esme and Tigger sitting together on my desk by the typewriter, for everyone who does not have at least two cats, at least one Siamese and at least one Manx!

TORTOISESHELLS

BY FLORENCE KEMMER

Standard — Color — Black, Orange and Cream, bright, clearly defined and well broken, that is patched and not brindled. Half of nose black, half orange, known as a "blaze." No tabby markings. Eyes, copper or deep orange. Type — cobby, low on legs, deep chest, massive across shoulders and rump, with a well-rounded middle piece. In size, the cat should be large or medium, but there should be no sacrifice of quality for the sake of mere size. Head — should be round and massive, with great breadth of skull, well set on a neck not too long, ears neat, round tipped, set wide apart and not unduly open at the base, nose short, snub and broad. Cheeks full, jaws broad and powerful. Eyes large, round, full, set wide apart and brilliant, giving a sweet expression to the face. Tail — short, carried without a curve and at angle lower than the back, but not trailed, when walking. Back — level. Legs — thick and strong; forelegs — perfectly straight. Paws — large, round and firm, toes carried close; five in front and four behind. Coat — long hair. The coat should show primarily perfect physical condition. It should be of fine texture, soft, glossy, full of life and should stand off from the body. It should be long all over the body, including the shoulders. The ruff should be immense and continue in a deep frill between the front legs. Ear tufts, long, curved. Toe tufts long. Brush full.

While the standard does not call for it, most people who breed or buy tortoiseshells expect them to have a cream spot on the throat and four cream feet or at least some cream on each foot. The cream spot nearly always appears but four black feet and legs are more usual than the desired cream touches.

Tortoiseshells are produced in many ways: by mating a black with a solid red or red tabby; a black with a cream; a blue with black ancestry to a red or a red to a tortoiseshell. Many people are surprised that the tortoiseshell is always a female but her brothers are the solid colors used in the cross. They are usually solid black, solid red or cream. This is not as strange as most people believe. In nine out of ten litters where mixed bloodlines are used, the odd kitten is usually a female. She may be solid in color but is usually different in color than her brothers.

While tortoiseshells are used mostly in the breeding of solid reds and creams, the following article by Arch E. Horne, well known breeder and judge of a generation ago, shows that they can be used to good advantage with the red tabby and other colors as well, and are equally as useful today.

"Here I wish to emphasize the fact

that I am NOT writing about the production of tortoiseshells as show specimens. This article deals solely with the selection of tortoiseshells that will assist in improving color and markings in Red Tabbies. The tortoiseshell being a child of 'indominance' we should look upon her, apart from her great beauty, as a steppingstone for improving other colors within her line.

"The tortoiseshell queen, bred from a red tabby sire and a tortoiseshell dam, is the best to breed to another red tabby male to improve color and markings in a red tabby strain, for not only is it a step already made in the cross for improvement, but the tortoiseshell so produced have a better distribution of color and more likely to add improvement in the resultant red tabby kittens of both sexes.

"The selection of a red tabby and a tortoiseshell bred tortoiseshell is for general improvement in red tabbies; however, if your red tabby strain is lacking more in some points than others and the cross is being made to correct these weak points, the ancestors of the queen and the question of dominance and indominance of color in sexes must be carefully studied.

"The tortoiseshell queen to select as a mate for a red tabby stud should have the three colors, red, black and cream well broken in patches over the body, her feet, tail and ears. Those with solid color legs produce red tabbies with good leg markings but on poor ground color, with a tendency to being muddy fawn rather than red. Those with solid tails produce red tabbies with tails lacking the rings so necessary in good specimens, and those who do not have the color well broken on their ears are frequently very much darker than the rest of their color and spoils the general appearance of the head.

"The distribution of color on the back of the tortoiseshell is very important too, for if not well broken in patches, her red tabby children may fail

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Antiquity of the Cat

By IDA M. MELLEN

The period that man has inhabited the earth is roughly estimated by paleontologists at about one million years. We may never know precisely when the cats arrived nor from what animals they evolved, but it is certain that the cat tribe preceded man by millions of years.

Some scientists assume that many terrestrial carnivores, such as cats, dogs, bears, raccoons and hyenas, descend from an animal called *Miacis* which lived in the upper Eocene period of the earth's history about forty million years ago. The head of this little creature was long and somewhat pointed, its tail bushy, its body long and slim, and its legs rather short. The civets, which were slightly larger, are known to have evolved before the Eocene epoch had passed, and they persist to the present day with little modification.

When you visit a natural history museum, ask to see a fossa (or fousa) from Madagascar and notice how closely it resembles the cats. Some felinologists regard it as a primitive form of cat, though it is grouped with the civets. Some "civet cats" (so called) are tamable, but usually they remain one-man animals, like tamed wildcats such as ocelots and jaguarundis.

In Australia a curious condition exists regarding animals called "cats," which is illustrative of our nebulous knowledge of the origin and early distribution of true cats. It is generally accepted that no member of the cat tribe is indigenous to Australia, yet the Australians have one animal they call "native cat" and another termed tentatively "a cat just growing into a tiger." The first is not a cat at all, but the second may turn out to be one. The "native cat" is a marsupial, a bright-eyed, combative creature which nests in hollow trees and makes such a pretty picture, with its pointed nose, upstanding ears and long whiskers, as it sits in its elevated home surveying the world below, that we readily understand why it is called "cat"; but though clumsy and rather slow in its movements, it is seldom tamed, and its food, which consists of rabbits, frogs, birds and fish, is held in the forepaws. It has a longish body with short legs and a thick tail. The "cat just growing into a tiger" has not been captured or even photographed, but its existence has been reported from time to time by reliable eye-witnesses, who describe it as having a round, catlike face, long tail, and body striped with black and yellow. About the size of a dingo, it is fierce and climbs trees. Should one of these strange animals be taken and identified as a cat, we shall be obliged to reverse our decision that

no member of a feline race is indigenous to Australia.

To return to the perplexing *Miacis*, which we feel must have given rise to the civets, it seems logical to assume that civets, in turn, preceded the ancestral stock of the two great families of felines—the saber-toothed tigers which disappeared from the earth long ages ago, and the true cats, similar to those of today of whatever size from housecat to tiger. In the Oligocene epoch of geologic history, however, which follows the Eocene, no forms have been unearthed in Europe or America which can be classified as intermediate between *Miacis* and cats, or between civets and cats—which appear to have arisen as though by magic, or, as we say in biology, by saltation; but we prefer to believe that they evolved slowly like other animals. The big cats of thirty million years ago differed very little from big cats of today, and continental land connections then existing permitted them to roam over nearly the entire earth. Among the many species now extinct, some were twice as large as tigers.

As explained in *The Science and the Mystery of the Cat*, I like to believe that the cat tribe originated in the United States, because larger numbers of the early extinct forms have been excavated here than elsewhere; but though early man inhabited this country long before the recording of Egyptian history, there is no evidence that he owned any domesticated animals. Moreover, we have no civets in the western hemisphere and our smaller cats are not of types which might have formed the ancestral stock of the housecat, *Felis catus*. We all know that the cat is believed to have been domesticated first in the East. It was tame in Egypt over forty-five hundred years ago and probably at about the same time or earlier in India and China; and in Syria more than fourteen hundred years ago. Not only have we failed to discover anything more explicit than this concerning the earliest homes of our domesticated pussies, but there exists a singular dearth of knowl-

edge as to the ancestral stocks which crossed to produce the numerous breeds that have come and gone, and with which we are familiar today.

In common parlance, "It is anybody's guess." The fishing cat of India takes to the water—and so do some western pussies. I myself owned a swimming cat. She leapt into the bathtub or stationary tubs whenever they contained enough water to swim in, and her yearning for water was so keen that had she lived near a pond or the seashore, she would have been much more contented. She was a blotched silver tabby, however, and blotched tabbies are believed to have arisen west of the Mediterranean! On the other hand, it is easy to teach any cat to do its own fishing, and a goldfish breeder in the Middle West informed me that his scrub stock was kept in a certain pond from which his cats were required to take their own fish. The Kafir cat of

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From the JUDGE'S STAND

By D. DEANS-HENDERSON

The judge's stand is the focal point of interest in any show, and also a point of observation. For these reasons, show committees should endeavor, as far as possible in accordance with convenience and facilities, to arrange the stand to advantage.

A stand placed where the judge is on a level with exhibitors is not conducive to the comfort of spectators, and placement where the judge cannot face an audience is most unfair both to judge and exhibitors as well.

Exhibitors are keenly interested in seeing their exhibits handled and judged. If the ring is placed in a corner where a judge is forced to examine cats — with his back to the audience, and a row of cages between — exhibitors have a right to feel they are not getting their money's worth.

Some judges continue a running commentary on exhibits as they judge. Many exhibitors ask for it. Personally, I find it difficult to do this and be heard above the conversations of various groups, but do so if requested. I believe, however, a better idea would be to comment at the close of each class judging by calling attention to the merits of both winners, male and female, without reference to others in the classes. This should be announced over the public address system. At the close of all judging, exhibitors who wish comments on their entries should be given an opportunity to confer with the judge, through arrangement with the show management.

There is value in a commentary during the judging of exhibits if constructive. If comparative, many exhibitors resent public attention drawn to the cause of failure of their cats to win. Summing up commentaries, it is a delicate procedure, and should be voted either for or against by the individual Associations.

The judges' stand should be accessible only to the authorized stewards. Stewards should be instructed not to comment on exhibits when placing them in cages.

Judging varies under different affiliations. Kittens under one affiliation are judged immediately when the show is opened and when all kittens are judged the award of "Best" and "Best Opposite Sex" may be awarded. Other affiliations permit kittens to be judged with Open and Novice classes, and may be entered in these classes and compete for points.

Judges have their own individual and distinctive methods of judging, but speaking for the first mentioned authorized rule where kittens are judged first, I find that, at the close of the Open and Champion classes, when ready to judge for "Bests," a good rule is to find the Best Champion and Best Opposite Sex Champion first, then Best Novice and Opposite. All winners in open classes then should be brought forward and the best in both sexes kept out for comparison with the two bests in Champion and Novice classes.

Often Best Cat in Show may be either the Best Champion or the Best Novice, and thus winners in open classes are eliminated. Of course the Best Novice may have been entered in the Open class.

To the uninitiated, this is very confusing, but if exhibitors follow closely the judging, and refer to the show catalog, judges' actions which may appear erratic will be clearly understood.

All short hair winners are included in exhibits brought to the judge's stand for examination as to possibilities of being included in the coveted "Bests" in show. Judges do not rely on memory for eliminations but by actual comparison on the stand.

It is not often that a short hair is made Best in Show. There are many instances where short haired cats have compared very favorably with long haired "Bests" especially in the foreign short haired sections, and sometimes, too, in the Domestic.

Many exhibitors, especially novices in the fancy, are under the impression that short hairs are never considered as competing with long hairs for "Best in

Show." This is an erroneous conception. The conscientious judge, (and I do not know of any one who isn't) spares no effort in determining "Bests" without fear or favor, and the good qualities of short haired classes are never overlooked. In spite of this I can recall only one instance where a short haired red was made "Best in Show."

From the judge's stand many things are observed, not apparent to the casual visitor. The reactions of winners and losers alike are registered on the sensibilities of the judge whose main task is to determine thoroughly and award correctly according to qualifications of exhibits.

LONDON SHOW RESUMES

Sixteenth championship show of the Siamese Cat Club of England will be held at the Lime Grove Baths Hall, Shepherd's Bush, London, Monday, October 14. The event marks the first Siamese Specialty Show to be held since 1938. More than forty classes are listed for cats and kittens.

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BURMESE

By DONALD M. CAME

(Concluding)

From the descriptions already given, it may be easy to conclude a close relationship between the Burmese and the Siamese and all the evidence seems to support that conclusion. Genetically speaking, the Burmese appears to be a melanistic color variation of the Siamese, the Burmese gene being the next higher identifiable allele in the albino series to that of the Siamese and next below that of the Silver or Smoke. (*Genetics of the Burmese Cat*) — Thompson, Cobb, Keeler & Dmytryk, *Journal of Heredity*, Vol. 34, Page 119, April 1943).

These two classes of cats breed together readily producing the hybrids noted before. The probable results of breeding of hybrids together will be in the ratio of 1 true Burmese, 2 hybrids and 1 true Siamese. This expectancy has been well demonstrated by breeding experiments which involved 4 female hybrids and 1 male hybrid, and in some cases more than one litter per female. The results obtained were 8 true Burmese, 18 hybrids, and 8 true Siamese, results well within the mathematical laws of probability.

As to the origin of the Burmese, there is not sufficient evidence to support too definite a conclusion. Existing as mere color variations one of the other, one is justified in concluding a common ancestry to the Burmese and Siamese. As to just what that ancestry is has been the subject of much discussion, but certain facts do stand out. In spite of dogmatic and unsupported statements which have appeared in recent popular books on the cat, there seem to be no reasons whatsoever for believing that either of these cats can be properly described as *Felis Catus*, the blotched type of tabby cat widely found domesticated in Europe and erroneously described by Linnaeus as the European Wild Cat. Neither does there seem to be any reason grounded in fact for assuming *Felis sylvestris*, the European Wild Cat, to be the ancestor of these cats.

Lydekker in his "*Mostly Mammals*" (1903) under the heading "*Pedigree of the Cat*" suggests *Felis temminckii*, the red or dark brown Golden or Bay Cat indigenous to Burma and Siam as the ancestor of the Siamese, a theory not supported by the differences disclosed on examination of the anatomy of the two animals.

It is known that *Felis ocreata*, the Egyptian cat or African wild cat, a striped tabby, ancestor, in company with *F. sylvestris*, of many of our domesticated cats, spread into Asia and that it bears close structural resemblance to domesticated cats found in India and to the Siamese and Burmese. Inasmuch as the coloring of a species may vary with the climate and surroundings and

knowing that the Burmese and Siamese represent albinistic mutations in general ground color, there seems no sound reason for believing these two cats to be anything but domesticated varieties of *F. ocreata* with the possibility that of the two the Burmese was the immediate progenitor of the Siamese. For detailed presentation of the case in favor of *F. ocreata* vs. *F. catus* and other species, reference is made to R. I. Pocock, "*On English Domestic Cats*," proceedings of Zoological Soc. of London 1907 Vol. 1, pp. 143-168, and R. I. Pocock "*On Tabby Cats*," *Mendel Journal* No. 2, p. 53, Feb. 1911.

In the cat fancy the Burmese occupies a rather anomalous position. The Cat Fanciers' Federation, in keeping with sound genetic laws, grants full recognition to all true breeding Burmese, with register entry only for hybrids. The American Cat Association accepts them under the separate heading of Burmese but considers them more or less as a color variation of the Siamese class, thus lumping together both true breeding and hybrid, while the Cat Fanciers' As-

sociation claims to recognize only Burmese "of pure breed" but in fact has, on occasions, accepted hybrids for its Foundation Record.

The only Burmese specialty club active in the United States is the Burmese Cat Society, (Mrs. Frances N. Peterson, Secretary, 114 Sudbury Street, Boston 14, Mass.), now affiliated with the Cat Fanciers' Federation. This society is currently attempting the compilation of a genetically detailed register of all breeding Burmese and Burmese hybrids now in the United States, and solicits from any reader any information which can be given as to any such individual cat.

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By DR. CLYDE E. KEELER, VIRGINIA R. COBB, DORIS BRYANT

Two of the present authors (C. E. K. and V. C.) have shown that the Siamese color factor is an alternative form (allelomorph) of the same gene molecule that in its unaltered state produces full pigmentation of the coat. In its first step of change it produces the Silver gene of the Silver Cat. In its second step it produces the Burmese gene of the Burmese Cat. In the third step it produces the Siamese gene of the Siamese Cat. Theoretically, this gene can break down to a fourth degree of change which should produce an Albino Cat. (This may possibly be the gene producing the pink-eyed-buff cat of the Chinese Mandarins.)

This Siamese color factor working together with the black (non-tabby) color factor, found in ordinary black cats, produces the characteristic shades and patterns of the Siamese Cat of the fancy.

Then, so far as the coat color is concerned, the Siamese Cat has two mutated genes, namely, the Siamese gene in the Albino Series of allelomorphs, and the black (non-tabby) gene at an independent genetic locus.

An examination of the faded blue of the extremities of the Blue-Point Siamese led us to suspect that possibly the faded point color was due to (1) the Siamese gene in combination with (2) the black (non-tabby gene) plus (3) the blue dilution gene that produces the color commonly known as Maltese.

We decided to study the problem.

First it was necessary to determine the general nature and behavior of the Maltese Blue gene. We have original records showing that Blue short hair mated with Blue short hair produces Blue only. This is in accordance with the experience of breeders of Blue Persians and may be represented genetically as follows:

Let B = gene for Black (non-blue)
Let b = gene for Blue
 $bb \times bb = bb$
(Blue) (Blue) = (Blue)

We have four original records showing that Blue when crossed to purebred Blacks (non-blues) produce Blacks (non-blues) only, or genetically speaking

$BB \times bb = Bb$
(Purebred Black) \times (Blue) = (Hybrid Black)

We have one original record showing that Black hybrid for Blue, when mated to Blue, will segregate Blue in half the kittens. This latter record is in accord with the observation of Whiting that such a mating produced:

12 Black : 20 Blue
or genetically
 $Bb \times bb = Bb + bb$
(Hybrid Black) \times (Blue) = (Hybrid Black) + (Blue)

The results of these three kinds of matings prove quite conclusively that Maltese Blue is a simple recessive Mendelizing unit-character.

But, how does the Blue-Point behave genetically? The unpublished data of Stroud, Kelsey, Norton and one of us (D. B.) show that Blue-Point mated to Blue Point produces Blue Point only. Blue Points mated to pure Seal-Points, produce Seal Points.

When Blue-Points are mated to Seal-Points hybrid for Blue-Point, Seal-Points and Blue-Points are expected in relatively equal numbers. We have the record that the Blue-Point female, Lafine Mono Lo, when mated to Seal-Points hybrid for Blue-Points produced 6 Seal-Points and 14 Blue-Points. Chief Noda (Blue-Point) when mated to a Seal-Point hybrid for Blue-Point produced 1 Blue-Point and 3 Seal-Points. Adding these results together we get 9 Seal-Points to 15 Blue-Points where we expected theoretically 12

of each type. Thus, Blue-Point is also a simple recessive Mendelizing unit-character.

Now that we shown that Blue-Point and Maltese Blue behave in like fashion in heredity, we ask if it may be possible that both Blues are produced by the same gene or genetic factor? But the mere similarity of behavior does not constitute proof of identity because in the domestic mouse we have two blues variations indistinguishable in their genetic behavior and their combinations with other factors, which can only be recognized as independent by the fact that when crossed together they produce Blacks. This is the same test which we must apply to Maltese-Blue and Blue-Point. We must make a cross between the two. In such a cross the Siamese pattern should disappear, because we have shown previously that it is recessive. Then, if the kittens are black as is the case of the two blues in mice, our Maltese-Blue and Blue-Point are due to independent genes. If the kittens are self-blue, then Maltese and Blue-Point are produced by the same gene. Such a mating was arranged. Four female kittens were born, all self-blue, proving that the Blue of Maltese and that of Blue-Points are identical.

Now how can we account for the presence of this Maltese-Blue in Siamese cats? Some evidence may be obtained from a study of Registration records tracing the ancestry of Blue-Point Siamese cats. In the accompanying pedigree chart we have shown the ancestry of a number of Blue-Points, but have not attempted to show the total ancestry in lines which did not contribute the Blue gene. In this pedigree squares

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represent males, circles represent females, diamonds represent sex unrecorded, shaded symbols represent Blue-Points, symbols bearing a dot represent Seal-Points hybrid for Blue-Point, unshaded symbols represent Seal-Points not known to carry the blue gene. We have the complete ancestry as given in the Siamese Cat Register of England upon our "working chart," but this is too large for publication.

From what we have learned about the breeding of Blue-Points, we may say that the parents of Lafine Mono Lo must have both been Seal-Points, but hybrid for the blue gene. Hence, we placed a dot on Lafine Isma and Lafine Kailula. We may also for similar reasons add the dot to Winkie, Billson, Errol, Siki, Susan, Yet, Adamina, Prince Favo, Ping Ting, Sadko, Mee Zee, etc., for similar reasons. Now following the ancestry which each of these hybrids had in common, and leaving out those lines which were tested and produced no Blue-Points, we can add dots to those ancestors that must have received this Blue gene from common sources. If then we trace back the dots, which now represent the travels of a blue gene, we find that Lafine Mono Lo traces the blue gene on her mother's side through Lafine Isma, Little Puma, Miri, Chocolate Cream, and Rajah to Ch. Carlisle Lad. She traces the blue gene on her father's side through Lafine Kailula, Kailas, Robin Goodfellow, and Errol to the same Ch. Carlisle Lad.

Blue-Point Kuching Susan traces the Blue gene on her mother's side through Winkie to Tommy and Sancho, and on her father's side to Billson whose ancestry is uncertain.

The Blue-Point full sisters Donatina of Cornwall and Eve of Woodroffe received their blue genes through each of

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their parents Billson and Susan, it coming down through Susan from Cairo Rameses whose ancestry is unknown and also through Billson from uncertain sources.

Blue-Point Donato received the blue gene on his father's side through Errol from Ch. Carlisle Lad and on his mother's side from Si-He. Si-He's parents were Monroseboy and Tib, but we do not know which parent transmitted the blue gene. These cats are unregistered.

Blue-Point Chin Tan traces the gene through Adamina to Donatina of Cornwall and through Yet to either Dotah of Petaling, who probably received it from Bigabois. Here the origin is again uncertain.

Blue Samurai traces the gene through Sadko and Mee Zee to Mee Zee alone, who received it from Prince Favo, Robin Goodfellow and Errol from Ch. Carlisle Lad.

Confusion exists as to Billson's parental grandparents. In two pedigrees they are given as Kew King of Siam and Cairo Rameses. In the Register they are Tom and Rane II, particulars about both unknown. In the Register, Cairo Rameses is a male whose particulars are unknown. Maybe he changed his sex. In several pedigrees this cat is listed as female. At any rate the origin of Billson's blue gene remains shrouded in mystery. The Sancho which we show in this pedigree is given upon the pedigree of Adamina as being a female, the mother of Winkie by Tommy. In the same pedigree appears Ch. Sancho, a male. No female Sancho appears in the Register. Obviously, there may be errors in such a pedigree due to duplicate names and due to faulty transcription of pedigrees by fanciers.

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Yes, Mrs. Revington is slated to judge at the Greater St. Louis Cat Show, the California Cat Club event in Hollywood, and the Boston Cat Club's annual exhibition. Atlanta and the eastern seaboard will probably have her in attendance accompanied by a white novice for which she predicts great promise.

Among the cats that have upheld Dixi-Land's reputation during the last decade are Gr. Ch. Dixi-Land's White Historian, Gr. Ch. Dixi-Land's Salute (Imp.), Ch. Dixi-Land's Hawthorneskye Ian (Imp.) with fourteen Gr. Ch. points, Ch. Dixi-Land's Pearl Harbor Yank, Ch. Dixi-Land's Wanda of Dunesk (Imp.), Ch. Dixi-Land's Dolores and many others. These have numerous Best or Best Opposite wins to their credit, won at the leading shows throughout America.

Pride and joy among her whites, however is Ch. Dixi-Land's Innocence. Her title was won in Cincinnati, Chicago and Detroit, being Best Opposite at the latter show to her litter brother, Historian. Their dam, Ch. Dixi-Land's Margaret Rose of Allington (Imp.), was also many times Best Cat, hitting the top with a second in a class of thirty-seven champions, the largest to date in American cat history. Ch. Caesar of Dixi-Land placed third in that competition.

Yes, Innocence is Mrs. Revington's favorite because, she writes, "of her real beauty and outstanding type, which is that of the best in blues. She is beautiful every day in the year, and although now ten years old, is still as

playful as her kittens now romping with her."

In the purchase of cats and kittens, Mrs. Revington has this to offer: "After deciding on the color or breed to specialize with, contact reliable breeders. When the new pet arrives, continue the diet advised by the breeder, making changes very gradually. Watch the results of their various foods carefully. *Remember, cats are carnivorous animals and raw meat is their natural food. Milk is poison to many cats!*"

To novices she has this to say: "It is wise to attend the shows where much can be learned from breeders who have been successful through the years. Keep your pets in good condition at all times; don't over-crowd and try to keep too many. Avoid cheap championships. It is better to win a third or fourth in a large class of quality cats than a first prize with little or no competition. And

whatever the win, be a good sport!"

As a word of advice to a new cat owner, Dixi-Land's famed breeder offers these tips: "After the new pet arrives, allow him to leave the shipping crate as he wishes. Never use force. If shy at first, leave him alone except for a frequent pat and coaxing words. He may not want to eat for a day or two, but when he finds he is in friendly hands, should soon accept his new home and take over."

From one who has produced so many champions, Mrs. Revington states that at present she has about a dozen adult cats, concentrating on quality rather than quantity. Sales have been made chiefly to breeders.

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DIXI-LAND (From Page 14)

cats, Mrs. Revington's parting words of advice are: "After securing foundation stock, keep it! Choose a significant name for your cattery, advertise it, and with diligence and perseverance make that name stand for SUCCESS in the record of our American Cat Fancyl!" No finer words of wisdom can be written.

Mrs. Revington has been a lifelong cat-lover. Her first Persian was a Brown Tabby whose kittens were such a pleasure that it was decided to invest in a pedigree Blue. This male won Best in show first time exhibited (1922), and then the Revington travels began. Later English importations were added to her stock, and some of the present Dixi-Land winners have these foundation cats in their pedigree.

A native of Bristol, Mrs. Revington lived for 20 years in Chattanooga, Tenn., where her husband was a surgeon (F.A.C.S.). Dr. Revington became fascinated in her cats and the hobby as well. When her husband died in 1936, Mrs. Revington returned to her childhood home in Bristol.

She is a registered nurse and specialized before her marriage in operating-room work. She finds time, despite her cats and her travels, to devote much time to her other hobbies — flowers and needlework. She has tried her hand at breeding Poms for several years, but it is her cats that has held her interest. One Pom remains with her household today — "Little Fella" — a happy playmate of her kittens.

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Additional changes or announcement of show dates were announced. This information is included in *Cats Magazine* Show Schedule.

It was decided that it was not expedient at this time to add a registration rule requiring the signature of the breeder because of the additional work involving the recorder, who is now taxed to capacity with sundry duties.



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C.F.A. registrations in July of this year exceeded those for the same month in any previous year with 13 new cat-teries added. Although not divulged, two other clubs are reported to be in the process of organization, and many requests for information have been received, it was revealed.

SHOW CALENDAR

UNITED STATES

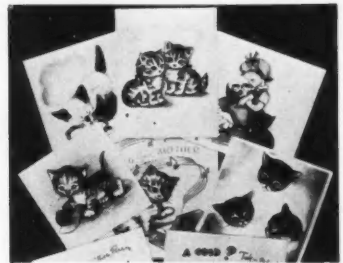
- Oct. 30-31—Siamese Cat Society, Brooklyn, N.Y. (CFF).
Oct. 30-31—Brooklyn-Long Island, Brooklyn, N.Y. (CFF).
Nov. 2-3—Milwaukee Cat Club, Milwaukee, Wis. (CFA).
Nov. 2-3—Central States Solid Color, Milwaukee, Wis. (CFA).
Nov. 7-8—Garden State Cat Club, Newark, N. J. (CFA).
Nov. 7-8—Solid Color Club of East, Newark, N. J. (CFA).
Nov. 16-17—Greater St. Louis Cat Club, St. Louis, Mo. (CFA).
Nov. 16-17—Central States Solid Color, St. Louis, Mo. (CFA).
Nov. 16-17—Long Island Cat Breeders Club, Hempstead, N.Y. (CFF).
Nov. 22-23—Keystone State Cat Club, Philadelphia, Pa. (CFA).
Nov. 23-24—The Michigan Cat Club, Detroit, Mich. (ACA).
Nov. 29-30—Solid Color of the South, Atlanta, Ga. (CFA).
Nov. 29-30—Cotton States Cat Club, Atlanta, Ga. (CFA).
Nov. 30-Dec. 1—Cleveland Persian Society, Cleveland, O. (CFA).
Nov. 30-Dec. 1—Pacific Cat Fanciers, Hollywood, Calif. (CFF).
Dec. 5-6—Empire Cat Club, New York, N.Y. (CFA).
Dec. 7-8—Honolulu Cat Club, Honolulu, T. H. (CFA).
Dec. 7-8—Rose City Cat Club, Portland, Ore. (ACA).
Dec. 7-8—Berkshire Cat Club, Chicago, Ill. (ACA).
Dec. 14-15—Detroit Persian Society, Detroit, Mich. (CFA).
Dec. 14-15—American Tabby & Tortie Club, Detroit, Mich. (CFA).
Dec. 14-15—Long Beach Cat Club, Long Beach, Calif. (CFA).
Dec. 14-15—Minneapolis Persian Cat Club, Minneapolis, Minn. (ACA).
Jan. 4-5—Los Angeles All Breed, Los Angeles, Calif. (ACA).
Jan. 8-9—Atlantic Cat Club, New York, N.Y. (CFF).
Jan. 9-10—Norfolk Cat Fanciers, Norfolk, Va. (CFA).
Jan. 11-12—California Cat Club, Hollywood, Calif. (CFA).
Jan. 18-19—Ohio State Persian Club, Columbus, Ohio (CFA).
Jan. 21-22—Boston Cat Club, Boston, Mass. (CFA).
Feb. 1-2—Angel City Cat Fanciers, Los Angeles, Calif. (CFA).
Feb. 1-2—North Shore Cat Club, Chicago. (CFA).

CANADA

- Nov. 18-19-20—Royal Canadian Cat Club, Toronto, Ont. (CFA).

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- Oct. 14—Siamese Cat Club, London. (G.C.C.F.)



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WORMING Your Cat

By L. H. FAIRCHILD, M. D.

A cat owner once shocked us by stating that she knew of only two medications for the care of her cats. When one failed to cure an ailing feline she used the other. The first was worm medicine, the other, chloroform! There is much misinformation and misunderstanding among many cat owners as to the importance of worming and the importance of this parasite as far as the well-being of the cat is concerned.

We have heard, for instance, that one can tell when a cat has worms in various and sundry ways. For examples, that such a cat grinds its teeth; that it loses weight and becomes "skinny"; has diarrhea; has a haw over one or both eyes and that it may or may not have a ravenous appetite. As a matter of fact none of these symptoms necessarily means that a cat has worms. So thoroughly convinced are many people that these symptoms mean worms that the poor cat gets a worm capsule too frequently. What we wish to stress is that under certain conditions, worming may cause much harm.

Never give a cat worm medicine when it is having diarrhea, that is, loose watery stools. A cat with diarrhea usually will be found to have an acute inflammation of the intestine. To give such an animal a medicine strong enough to kill worms only adds further irritation to a situation that already is decidedly bad. Thus, you can understand that one may save a cat's life by proper treatment for diarrhea whereas "worming" may kill the cat.

Many of our readers are familiar with worms found in the cat's intestine, but for those not so familiar, may we state that there are two general types infecting a cat. Most cats, if not all, have one type at some time during their life. Most common is the round worm; the other the flat worm. The usual round worm is tiny and cylindrical with finely tapering points making up the head at one end and the tail at the other. It is about as large around as the lead of a mechanical pencil or smaller, and about two inches long.

Flat worms have the same general appearance but vary in size and length. As their name implies, flat (or tape) worms are really flat and are made up of hundreds of tiny segments which start at the head, almost microscopic in size, and gradually enlarging along the neck to make the body and tail of the worm. The "tail" is really an extension of many segments. Flat worms are sel-

dom seen in one piece except at a museum or parasitology laboratory, and the only way that the ordinary cat owner can tell definitely that there is a tape worm in his cat's intestine is to observe some of these segments in the stool. These sections break off from the body of the worm from time to time but have no lethal effect on the worm whatever. It keeps thriving and shedding sections of its tail and body as it grows, and the eggs develop in its body. A full sized tape worm may measure 6 to 8 inches long, and at the tail end may be about $\frac{1}{8}$ inch wide.

Round worms have no means of attachment to the intestinal wall of the cat but receive their nourishment from food particles in the bowel. Because they are not so attached, they are easily

ANTIQUITY (From Page 9)

Africa and the wildcats of Europe and the Scottish Highlands have horizontal cheek lines — and so do most of our domestic cats except those of solid color. Striped tabbies resemble them strongly in their markings, though their tails differ. Temminck's golden cat of Borneo displays a jew's harp in its forehead — and so do some of our housecats. If we continued to examine the wildcats of the eastern hemisphere and compare them with our domestic felines, we should have an increasing list of similarities; yet we should be no nearer the truth regarding the origin of *Felis catus*.

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removed from the intestine by vermifuges (worm medicines). Conversely, tape worms have suckers or hooks on the tiny head which adhere to the intestine. They have neither mouth nor digestive organs, but receive nourishment from food absorbed through the surface of their body. Thus, they deprive much food which would otherwise go into the development of their host, the cat. As one can readily see, tapeworms are more difficult to remove because they have a strong attachment to the wall of the intestine. Cats become infected with tape worms by eating raw uncooked meat of other animals which contain the larvae of the tape. The larvae live in the flesh of animals and when swallowed by the cat, develop into the adult tapeworm. Round worms develop from eggs swallowed by the cat from contaminated food.

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TORTIES (From Page 8)

in spinal markings and be inclined to have 'saddle backs' of a darker red. The distribution of color should also be well broken in the ruff as too much red or cream tends to lighten the color of the frills in her red tabby kittens and rob them of the necklaces which play a very important part in their appearance, not to mention their show careers.

"If the red tabby strain be lacking in depth of markings, select a tortoiseshell without the handicaps I have mentioned, bred from a black queen and a red tabby sire. The black that will be dominant in the male kittens resulting from this cross will also be dominant in the male kittens produced by his tortoiseshell sisters and a red tabby sire, hence not only will markings be deepened in color and be more defined, but the entire color will be improved. The female red tabby kittens so produced will be deeper in color but not always improved in markings, but these, if later bred to a red tabby male closely related to their sire, will produce red

tabbies excelling in color and markings. Depth of markings means not only deeper color in the markings, but markings deep and even in color to the roots.

"For red tabby strains lacking depth of color on legs and feet the tortoiseshell from a black queen and a red tabby sire is the best to correct this, but for tail rings, body swirls and necklaces the tortoiseshell from a like mother and red tabby sire is the best medium, particularly if her tortoiseshell mother was from a black queen and a red tabby sire, as this combination of colors will

N. B. — ROSELLE, N. J. READERS

It will cost cat owners in Roselle, N. J., five dollars for each cat if found by the police and are not licensed, according to a recent announcement.

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By RITA SWENSON

There are so many gullible people in the world today, people ready and willing to believe anything, no matter how ridiculous, so long as it appears in print or is uttered in tones of authority. Even downright fallacies, so strange they should challenge anyone's intelligence, are widely credited. Perhaps an explanation, with the idea of giving the reader a better understanding of these matters, is in order.

A surprising number of people believe that cats see in the dark. While cats are better equipped to see in varying degrees of light than we humans due to the peculiar construction of their eyes, they are nearly as helpless in total darkness as we are. A cat's eyes are extremely sensitive to the ultra-violet rays of the spectrum and are capable of great contraction and expansion, the pupil being a mere slit in strong light and opening gradually as darkness descends until practically the entire iris is concealed. This contractile power is especially great in young cats. A cat's ability to travel about in the dark is due to its whiskers or feelers, which act as guides and warn the cat when it is getting into a narrow place. The cat's aids in total darkness are its delicate senses of smell, hearing, and touch, not its superior sense of sight.

How often one hears of a cat "sharp-eening" his claws. Actually, when a cat scratches on rugs, trees and the like, he is merely attempting to remove a claw case which has grown too long and tough for comfort. A cat's claws are constructed in layers and periodically the top layer, or case, is clawed off. Little claw cases can usually be found directly beneath the cat's favorite scratching post. A cat removes the claw cases from his hind paws by biting them.

Then there is the fallacy about the rabbit cat. When selecting a mate, cats choose one from their own species, *Felis catus*, or from the wild cat family; they will not breed with any and all wild animals of comparable size. How the fable of the rabbit cat, (and other crosses) came into being is a mystery, but undoubtedly the Manx cat, with its rabbit-like characteristics (a hopping gait and minus a tail) tended to stimulate circulation.

Perhaps the wildest fallacy of all is the one crediting cats with drawing the breath of babies. Anyone who has associated with cats for any length of time knows this to be absolutely untrue. Infant mortality due to cats must be attributed to accident rather than to any fanciful tale. More babies are killed each year in the United States by parents rolling on them than by injury from cats. No less an authority than the Washington Bureau of Vital Statistics backs us up in

this. We do not mean to imply that the house cat should be permitted to closely associate with the baby — far from it. We do maintain that the cat would not deliberately harm it. And he most certainly would not draw its breath.

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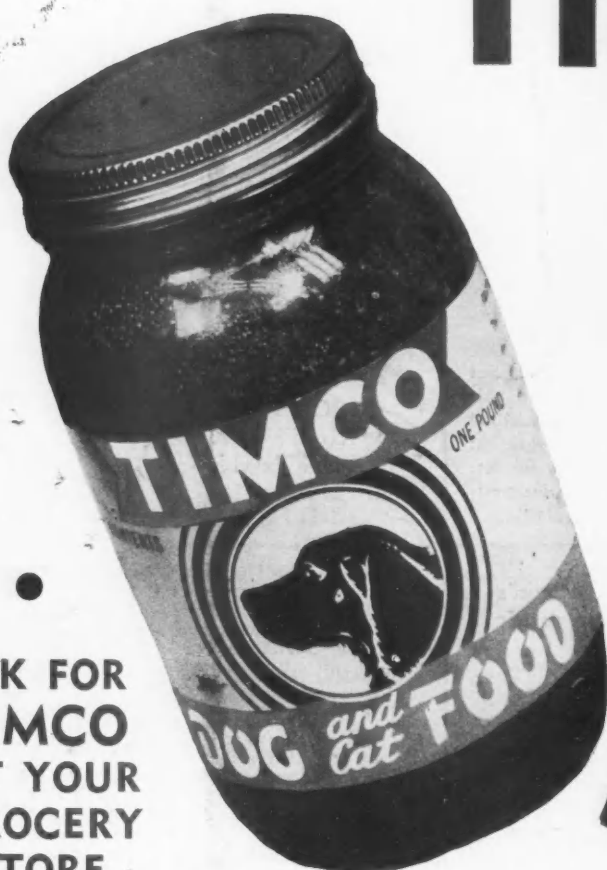
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